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To the Department of Justice:

We think that the prolonged, ongoing litigation against Microsoft, by a few special interest groups with biased agendas to promote their own products, needs to come to an end.

The economy has suffered enough with stock market blows to the "tech" industry. Get on with business. A settlement was offered; we think it is extremely generous. Get on with business and life! The states that will not compromise continue to mire the entire industry, which affects all of the U.S. economy and attitude.

Our capitalistic society depends upon survival of the best product (i.e. fittest) to increase competition and innovation. Fault sits in the laps of those who have not produced a good product--or at least one a consumer majority is motivated to purchase.

It is essential in a democratic/capitalistic society that we all work hard to succeed and be innovative. The continued "whining" by those who refuse to settle reminds us of a sport team that complains about everybody else when they lose. A team either makes the right number of baskets or leave the basketball court. Is our nation's justice department going to support a business welfare system where the stronger companies have to "pay" lackluster companies (or the states that house them) in order to subsidize them? If Microsoft's competitors spent half as much time and money on innovation and subsequently better products, as they do hiring attorneys to whine for them, they might actually become successful. It is time to stop supporting the so-called "victims" who want easy buck\$\$.

PLEASE: Stop this muckraking!

Sincerely,

Consumers and small business owners who appreciate quality, manufacturing responsibility, and accountability,

Jim & Ruth Zdanowicz